

OFFICE OF COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Dissemination Study No. 6

12 February 1947

SUBJECT: Captured Japanese Films

I. The problem.

1. a. Enclosed is a memorandum from the Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Operations, forwarding to this office a list of captured Japanese films which constituted a fire hazard in the Documents Branch and therefore had to be removed. (Since dispatch of the memorandum, P & A has arranged for safe storage space from which the Office of Operations can hereafter withdraw any film and arrange a showing on call.)

b. The Office of Operations requests that a committee be appointed to review these films in order to determine their disposition as to distribution, retention or destruction.

a. The original of the memorandum, with enclosure, is forwarded herunder for file in the Dissemination Branch. Only a copy of the memorandum, less enclosure, has been retained in this office.

2. Attention is invited to the following miscellaneous factors bearing on the problem:

a. The films are documents, under the definition of par. 3 i, AR 380-5. Therefore, they are subject to the ordinary rules pertaining to the classification and dissemination of documents.

b. They are non-safety films, and therefore offer special storage and handling difficulties. Storage effort should be expended only on those which are of value to the government.

a. As a result of Executive Orders 9568 and 9604 (June 9 and August 27, 1945), policies and procedures have been established providing for the release and dissemination of certain classes of information obtained from the enemy by any department or agency of the government.

3. This is principally a dissemination problem, requiring certain decisions to be made by the Reading Center, with appropriate assistance from other offices as outlined in Par. 4, below. With respect to each film, the following decisions should be reached:

a. Does it have value as intelligence information related to the national security?

b. If the answer to a is affirmative:

- (1) What security classification should it have?
- (2) Does any federal agency have exclusive interest?
- (3) Is its intelligence value sufficiently broad to warrant permanent retention by CIC?

c. If the answer to a is negative:

- (1) Is it of professional value to some federal agency for reasons other than national security?
- (2) If so, what security classification should it have, if any?
- (3) Should it be released to the public?

4. The Dissemination Branch will need assistance from other offices on the basis of the following principles:

a. The opinion of ORE will determine whether a film has intelligence value related to the national security.

b. Where necessary or appropriate, the opinion of representatives of member agencies will determine intelligence value to those agencies.

c. Security and control rulings will be given by the Control Division of the Requirements Branch.

II. Directive

5. The Dissemination Branch will have all the films reviewed in accordance with the foregoing principles, and in accordance with the following instructions:

a. Showings will be arranged by direct informal contact with OO and P & A.

b. The assistance of the Requirements Branch will be secured by direct contact.

c. The Dissemination Branch will prepare a memorandum for Captain signature, requesting designation of an ORE representative to participate in the entire review. 50X1

d. Whenever appropriate, the Dissemination Branch will directly invite representatives of IAB member agencies to the showing and secure their opinions on pertinent questions.

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6. Decisions will be incorporated in dissemination orders, submitted for [] approval and signature, through Requirements Branch for comment or concurrence. For each film, the order will provide for its destruction, transmission to some other agency for retention, or for storage by P & A, and will include security provisions, where appropriate.

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7. This review will be conducted as a steady program, but its completion is not a matter of urgency. An informal progress report will be submitted by six weeks from now (26 March).

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Encl:

As stated in lg, above.

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